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SUBJECT: UNFICYP

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1. EMBOFF MADE POINTS IN REFTEL IN AUGUST 1 CONVERSATION
WITH SEAN KENNAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS IN IRISH FONOFF. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, KENNAN FULLY
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AGREED WITH POINT THAT UNFICYP SHOULD NOT BE EXPANDED BY

ADDITION OF CONTINGENTS FROM COUNTRIES NOT NOW REPRESENTED AND SAID HE WAS SURE THAT IRISH WOULD DO NOTHING WHICH WOULD CAUSE US CONCERN ALTHOUGH IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER GOI HAS FORMULATED A FIXED POSITION.

2. KENNAN ALSO SAID IRISH HAVE TOLD SYG THAT THEY STILL HAVE MAJOR SECURITY CONCERNS AT HOME AND CANNOT NOW RETURN PEACEKEEPING CONTINGENT TO CYPRUS. GOI FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT IT HAS CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO BOTH MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS. COMMITMENTS WILL BE HONORED AS SOON AS DOMESTIC PROBLEMS PERMIT. IN MEANTIME, IRISH ARE LEAVING THREE-MAN "PRESENCE" WITH UNFICYP. KENNAN ADDED IN CONFIDENCE, HOWEVER, THAT GOI HAS JUST AGREED TO A REQUEST FROM SYG TO PROVIDE A COMMANDING OFFICER FOR A NEW "ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN" SECTION WHICH IS BEING SET UP BY UNFICYP TO DEAL WITH REFUGEES AND SIMILAR CONCERNS. THE UNNAMED NEW COMMANDING OFFICER WILL HAVE HAD CYPRUS EXPERIENCE.

3. GOI DEFENSE MINISTER HAS SAID ON AT LEAST THREE RECENT OCCASIONS THAT IRELAND WILL BE WILLING TO SEND TROOPS ON PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS "WHEN THE SECURITY SITUATION AT HOME" WOULD PERMIT. IT'S CLEAR THAT HE IS SPEAKING PRIMARILY TO A DOMESTIC AUDIENCE: PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS ARE AN INDUCEMENT TO ENLISTMENTS AND REPRESENT THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR IRISH MILITARY TO SERVE ABROAD. PAY AND ALLOWANCES WHILE ON THESE MISSIONS ALSO SERVE AS INCENTIVES.

4. COMMENT: IRISH APPEAR TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS THEIR OWN PROBLEMS WILL ALLOW. GIVEN SECURITY PROBLEMS HERE, WE DO NOT THINK IRISH COULD BE EXPECTED TO SEND ANY SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION OF TROOPS.
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